

COURSE TITLE	ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY
COURSE CODE	10SC0805
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To understand the meaning, definition, nature, and scope of Environmental Sociology as a distinct academic discipline.
- 2 To examine theoretical frameworks such as the Treadmill of Production, Ecological Modernization, Environmental Risk, and Political Ecology.
- 3 To study prominent Indian environmental movements like Chipko, Narmada, anti- mining, and anti-dam protests.
- 4 To discuss major global environmental issues like global warming, ozone depletion, and rising sea levels in relation to technology and society.
- 5 To understand the interconnectedness of environmental issues and international responses.

Course Outcomes: After completion of this course, student will be able to:

- 1 Define and explain the nature, scope, and debates within Environmental Sociology.
- 2 Identify key challenges in global environmental politics, particularly related to climate change.
- 3 Critically evaluate international efforts and strategies to address these challenges.
- 4 Analyze environmental issues using frameworks like the Treadmill of Production, Ecological Modernization, and Political Ecology.

Pre-requisite of course: Social Change & Development, Sociological Perspectives.

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
3	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Envisioning Environmental Sociology Meaning, Definition, Nature and Scope, Realist-Constructionist Debate, Rise of Environmental Sociology	7
2	Environmental Approaches Treadmill of Production, Ecological Modernization, Environmental Risk, Ecofeminism and Feminist Environmentalism, Political Ecology	10
3	Environmental Movements in India Forest-based movement–Chipko, Water-based movement–Narmada, Land-based movements–Anti-mining and Seed, Anti Big Dam Movements in North East India	10

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4	Sustainable development and Environmental concerns Major environmental issues: Global warming, Depletion of Ozone layer and rise of sea level., Sustainable development as a critique to growth-oriented development,, Environment, technology and society.	10
5	Global issues Global Environmental Politics: Major issues, Climate change- Major issues, Environmental Conventions (Ramsar Convention {Wetlands}, Convention on Biological Diversity,, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	8
Total Hours		45

Textbook :

- 1 Environmental Sociology., Hannigan, J.A., Routledge, 1995

References:

- 1 Environmental Issues in India: A Reader., Environmental Issues in India: A Reader., Rangarajan., Pearson, 2007
- 2 An Invitation to Environmental Sociology. 3rd ed., An Invitation to Environmental Sociology. 3rd ed., Bell, MM., Sage, 2008

Suggested Theory Distribution:

The suggested theory distribution as per Bloom's taxonomy is as follows. This distribution serves as guidelines for teachers and students to achieve effective teaching-learning process

Distribution of Theory for course delivery					
Remember / Knowledge	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Higher order Thinking / Creative
10.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00